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REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-3, drawn to an exhaust gas treatment method, classified

in class 423, subclass 210+;

Group II, claims 4-11, drawn to an exhaust gas treatment system,

classified in class 422, subclass 168+; and

Group III, claims 12-14, drawn to a catalytic oxidation apparatus,

classified in class 422, subclass 211+.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, without

traverse, Group I, Claims 1-3.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present

application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Maki Hatsumi, Registration No

40,417 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to

expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.

Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future

replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for

any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of

time fees.

Dated: February 28, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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